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Water-Swellable Clay Mineral Complex And Composition

Containing The Same

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AMENDMENT "C"

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Sir/Madam:

Prior to consideration of the concurrently filed Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review, Applicant hereby presents the following amendments:

- Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.